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SUBJECT: POLITICAL/COMMUNITY LEADERS GROUPS

REF: STATE 213831, CARACAS 9549, TELCON HENNEKE/DICKENS
OCTOBER 10, STATE 224690.

1. SUMMARIZING STATUS POLITICAL GROUPS SCHEDULED, POST
PRESENTLY HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THREE PROGRAMMING DATES:
OCTOBER 29, OCTOBER 30, AND NOVEMBER 11 FOR GROUPS
LABELLED COPEI, ZULIA, AND AD.

2. COPEI AND AD GROUPS

IN ORDER ASSURE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR TWO MAJOR POLITICAL
PARTIES POST NOW CONCURS WITH PROGRAMMING (PER STATE 201642)
A GROUP OF EIGHT TO INCLUDE FOUR COPEI DEPUTIES (CONGRESSMEN)
ALREADY NOMINATED (CARACAS 9549) AND FOUR ACCION DEMOCRATICA
(AD - THE PARTY IN POWER). AD PARTY ENTHUSIASTIC OVER
INVITATION AND SUPPLYING NAMES SOONEST. GROUP OF EIGHT
WILL CONSIST OF VENEZUELAN "CONGRESSMEN" AND KEY PARTY
REPRESENTATIVES FOR ETA OCT 28. POST LABELLING
THIS GROUP I FOR GAI PROGRAMMING SLOT OCT 29.

3. ZULIA GROUP (FIVE PERSONS)

DO NOT CONSIDER LABOR DEPT LABEL DESIRABLE FOR
PROGRAMMING THESE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, AND URGE
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(A) DEPT TO RECONSIDER SUGGESTION FOR A BOSTON

AREA VISIT WHICH WOULD ALLOW GROUP TO VIEW ELECTIONS
AND DEFER WASHINGTON ARRIVAL UNTIL NOV 10 FOR
PROGRAMMING SLOT NOV 11. GROUP COULD ARRIVE
NY OCT 29, WHERE INTERPRETER WOULD MEET,
PROCEED TO BOSTON AREA FOR PROGRAMMING BY LOCAL LEAGUES
OF WOMEN VOTERS. THIS EXCELLENT RESOURCE MAY BE CN-
TACTED THROUGH OVERSEAS EDUCATION FUND, 1730 M STREET,
N.W. WASHDC. THIS ORGANIZATION HAS CONSIDERABLE
XPERIENCE IN POLITICAL/GOVERNEMENTAL FIELD AND IF REQUIRED
COULD ASSUME ENTIRE PROGRAM WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. MILDRED
MARCY, USIA COULD ASSIST WITH CONSULTATIONS, AS ALSO
KEY BOARD MEMBERS WELL-KNOWN TO DEPT.

(B) A SECOND ALTERNATIVE (BUT ONLY IN FINAL EVENTUALITY)
THE LABOR PROGRAMMING OFFICIAL COULD BE DETAILED TO GAI,
IIE, OR DETP.

4. ZULIA GROUP NOMINATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

CRISTO CHOURIO LOSSADA, COPEI DEPUTY, AGE 33;
MANUEL ANGEL GUANIPA MATOS, COPEI DEPUTY, AGE 35;
ISMAEL ORDAZ, MEP(MOVIMIENTO ELECTORAL DEL PUEBLO),
FORMER DEPUTY AND KEY PARTY REPRESENTATIVE, AGE 55.
THIS GROUP WILL INCLUDE TWO NOMINEES FOR AD WHICH FOLLOW
SOONEST.

ALL NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED CLEARED. ALL NOMINEES HAVE
LIMITED US EXPERIENCE, IF ANY.

5. IF INTERPRETERS UNAVAILABLE FROM LANGUAGE SERVICES,
BOTH DEPT AND USIA (INCLUDING IBS/PL) COULD CONSIDER
DETAILING OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN LATIN AMERICA AND WELL-
QUALIFIED BY LANGUAGE AND EXPERIENCE. AMONG OFFICERS WHO HAVE
SERVED RECENTLY AT THIS POST ARE POLITICAL OFFICERS CHARLES
FINAN AND DAVID COX, AND PRESS OFFICER BRIAN CARLSON
(CURRENTLY IN LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR HIS NEXT POST IN
YUGOSLZVIA). POST WOULD CONSIDER SENDING AN OFFICER
IF NEEDED.
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